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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

News you can use

Museum celebrates 20 years today

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center turns 20 today.

The birthday celebration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and there will be personnel on hand to explain about nine selected aircraft and exhibits such as the F-15 Eagle, SR-71 Blackbird and B-29 Superfortress.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Heather Fasciooco at 926-6870 or heatherf@museumofaviation.org.

— From staff reports

MPF open Saturday for retirees, dependants

The Military Personnel Flight's Customer Service Office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday to provide Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System updates and base identification cards for military retirees and dependents.

In addition, MPF customer service office will be available for emergency service only Wednesday.

For more information, contact the MPF at 327-7364.

— From staff reports

Nutcracker ballet tickets on sale at ITT

Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 767, has tickets for the Nutcracker presented by the Atlanta Ballet at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta. Show times are Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$51 for adults and \$35 for children ages 16 and younger. Tickets will be available through Tuesday.

— From staff reports



Combined Federal Campaign
2004 Week 6 Statistics

Robins

Base Goal \$1.275 million
Current percentage 97%

5 CCG

Unit Goal \$45,883
Current percentage 40%

19 ARG

Unit Goal \$33,877
Current percentage 47%

78 ABW

Unit Goal \$142,121
Current percentage 108%

116 ACW

Unit Goal \$125,243
Current percentage 36%

AFRC

Unit Goal \$84,964
Current percentage 113%

ALC

Unit Goal \$825,177
Current percentage 107%

(Statistics current as of Nov. 16)

U.S. Air Force graphic
by Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret

Roche submits resignation

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche announced his resignation Tuesday.

"I'm honored to have served the president, the secretary of defense and the terrific Airmen I've come to know and love in the past few years as the secretary of the Air Force," he said. "I've served with talented active,

Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen who are successfully countering new threats to our nation through their innovation and creativity. I'm proud to call myself an Airman."

Secretary Roche submitted his letter of resignation volun-

tarily. He left private industry to serve his country and the Air Force. He leaves the Air Force now so that his resignation may free-up nominations of Air Force general officers

Please see **ROCHE, 2A**

POV access to flight line decreased to increase security

By Holly L. Birchfield
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Base leaders and airfield managers are taking a hard look at those with flight line and industrial area access passes for privately-owned vehicles, as Robins seeks to make its airfield more secure.

Organizations' and contractors' POV access to the flight line and industrial area is being reevaluated in order to reduce traffic by more than 20 percent, and improve security and safety of workers and resources on the flight line and in industrial areas.

"This is a multi-phase process to enhance airfield security and airfield safety, especially dealing with foreign object debris issues that are tied to safety," said Col. Bruce Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander. "As we work through these issues, we anticipate there will be additional reductions, calling for organizations to obtain more (government-owned vehicles) and (low-speed vehicles) to meet their personnel's on-the-job transportation needs."

The three-phase process began with individuals holding current flight line and industrial area POV access passes having to revalidate them by submitting their request through their chain of command for approval by Nov. 5.

The vice commander said as the second phase

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Farewell to brothers in arms



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Georgia National Guardsmen of the 1177th Transportation Company attend a farewell appreciation dinner given in their honor Tuesday. The company has served at Robins for nearly two years, assisting with base security.

Base thanks Georgia National Guardsmen gate guards for nearly two years of service

By Lanorris Askew
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For nearly two years the Georgia National Guardsmen of 1177th Transportation Company out of LaGrange, Ga., stood shoulder to shoulder with the Airmen of the 78th Security Forces Squadron ensuring the safety of the base. More than 100 strong and hailing from around the state, they left the comforts of home to serve their country by manning our gates.

Tuesday evening they gathered to cele-

brate the end of their tenure here at a farewell dinner sponsored by the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Executive Committee.

"Regardless of our service branch, we are the American armed forces, and you have stood in the breach of the wall to protect our freedom and our children's children's freedom," said Ronnie Sanders, Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee chairman.

"We know it's a great sacrifice to be activated and away from your families and jobs.

Please see **THANKS, 2A**

Witt case moves forth

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The Article 32 hearing for a Robins Airman charged with two counts of premeditated murder and one count of attempted murder ended Tuesday following two days of testimony from a victim, family members and others involved with the case.

The hearing, which is essentially a pre-trial investigation to determine whether the case should go forward, provided the accused, Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt, and his counsel an opportunity to hear the government's case and view the evidence. It is also the first step toward determining the forum in which the case will ultimately be tried.

The Article 32 investigation is similar to a civilian grand jury proceeding, but unlike its civilian counterpart, the accused is entitled to rights



Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt is charged with two counts of premeditated murder and one count of attempted murder.

Please see **CASE, 2A**

Wingman Day about 'Airmen taking caring Airmen'

By Holly L. Birchfield
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Robins is inviting its work force to take a break.

Base leaders are encouraging all military and civilian employees to set aside their day-to-day workloads and participate in Robins' first-ever Wingman Day,

Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Col. Silvia Signars Anderson, Community Action and Information Board chairperson, said the Air Force-directed day is a time for Robins to focus on meeting the needs of its work force.

"This is a day where the emphasis is on our entire work

force taking a moment's break to exhale," the 78th Mission Support Group commander said. "We've been at a very high (operational) temp for quite some time. This is an opportunity for the units to celebrate and acknowledge the successes that the units at various levels have made — not only in the War on Terrorism,

but also to the customers and units they support at large. We recognize that with these successes there are some inherent stressors that take place. We want to give our folks the opportunity to identify some of those issues that may cause stress and help them find ways

Please see **WINGMAN, 2A**

Robins workers continue to study C-5A to determine future of aircraft

By Holly L. Birchfield
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Robins is continuing its look at the C-5A to help determine the fleet's future viability.

The C-5A Structural Risk Analysis and Model Revalidation Program, which began on Robins' flight line in November 2003, is an Air Mobility Command initiative designed to help AMC leaders determine future requirements of the cargo aircraft fleet.

Hundreds of workers from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, the Engineering Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratories, the Air Force Academy, and nearly a dozen private research laboratories are currently examin-

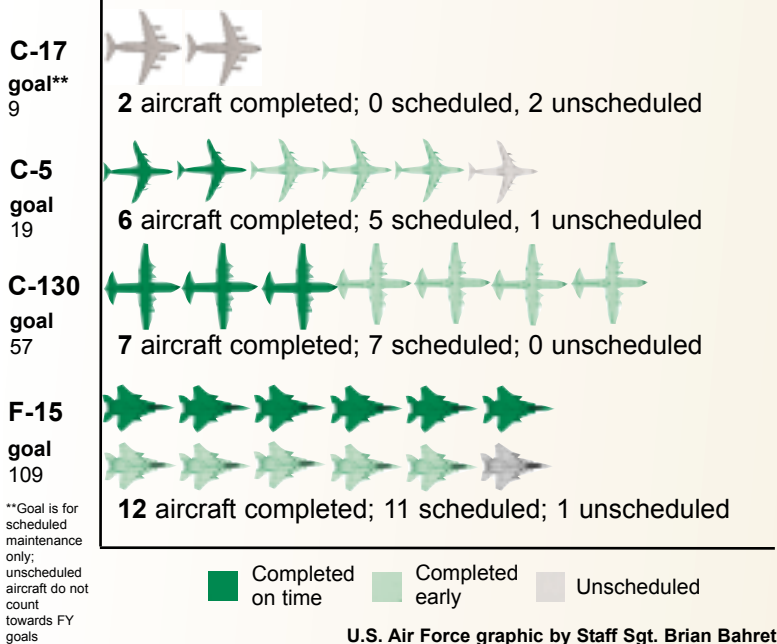
What's next

Once crews complete the physical examination and analysis of the different components, researchers will plug those results into the structural computer model and compare the study's outcome with the predictions of the initial aircraft model. Robins will send a quarterly report of its findings to AMC headquarters by mid-December. Final results from the study are due to AMC by December 2005.

ing the aircraft's parts for cracks, corrosion and other evidence of wear and tear as crews continue their analysis.

Please see **STUDY, 2A**

Aircraft Maintenance Output fiscal 2005 year-to-date production



**Robins 3-day
forecast**
Courtesy of 78th
OSS/OSW

Today
Mostly cloudy



71/49

Saturday
Mostly cloudy
with afternoon
rain



72/55

Sunday
Mostly cloudy
with rain



69/60

**What's
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CASE

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afforded during a trial. These include the right to be informed of the charges and the accuser, to have counsel present at all times during the proceedings, to confer with counsel, to present evidence and witnesses on his or her own behalf, and to challenge the prosecution’s evidence and witnesses.

The defense has the choice of presenting matters or remaining silent and gaining insight into the government’s case.

As for now, the next step is for Col. Mary Boone, chief military judge, U.S. Air Force Central Circuit, who served as investigating officer in the hearing, to compose and submit a written report satisfying the requirements of Article 32 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. That report will then be given to 78th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Greg Patterson, the special court-martial convening authority, who will then determine whether to forward the case to the general court-martial convening authority.

According to Col. Jeff Robb, Center staff judge advo-

The players

The government is represented by Maj. Vance Spath, chief circuit trial counsel, U.S. Air Force Eastern Judicial Circuit, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C., and Capt. Scott Williams, 78th Air Base Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Robins AFB.

Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt’s defense team consists of Frank Spinner, civilian counsel, Colorado Springs, Colo., Capt. Darren Johnson, Area Defense Counsel, Robins AFB, and Capt. Doug Rawald, circuit defense counsel, U.S. Air Force Eastern Judicial Circuit, Bolling AFB.

cate, if the report is passed on to Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, and if he refers the charges to a general court-martial, the General will also decide whether the case will be tried as a capital case or

a non capital case, with the maximum punishment for capital cases being the death penalty.

Colonel Robb said it is possible to have a decision by Christmas.

ROCHE

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that have been on hold in Congress.

During his tenure, Secretary Roche spearheaded many initiatives to improve the quality of life for Airmen and the capabilities of the Air Force, such as increasing opportunities for master’s degree programs for enlisted Airmen. Recapitalization and modernization program improvements under his watch included the F/A-22 Raptor, weaponizing the RQ/MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle, equipping the B-52 Stratofortress with the LITENING pod, delivering the remotely piloted Global Hawk and the Joint Direct Attack Munition.

“Dr. Roche has led the Air Force through one of the most remarkable periods in our nation’s history,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

“It has been my honor to serve side-by-side with him since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. During his tenure he has made each and every Airman his priority. His unrelenting



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resolve to adapt our force, to counter new and resilient threats to our nation, has guaranteed America’s Air Force remains the greatest in the world. His compassion for the sacrifices made by our Airmen and their families is known across the Air Force. Indeed, the men and women of the Air Force family will remember him as a leader, friend and, most of all, as an Airman.”

Among other accomplishments, Secretary Roche instituted an agenda for change to improve the staff and cadet culture at the U.S. Air Force Academy following reports of sexual assault. His air and space expeditionary force concept improvements linked professional military education to AEF rotation dates, reorganized deployable unit type codes and delivered base opening capability packages.

Secretary Roche’s concept of operations rationale transitioned the Air Force from a platform-based to a capabilities-based focus. His quality-of-life initiatives for Airmen reduced out-of-pocket housing expenses, yielded targeted pay raises, and resulted in large-scale base housing renovations and the one-plus-one dormitory concept.

Before his appointment, Secretary Roche held several executive positions. Before joining public sector in 1984, he was democratic staff director of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee. Secretary Roche’s previous military service spanned 23 years in the U.S. Navy where he retired as a captain in 1983.

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Your professional and congenial presence has helped relieve some of the stress put on the 78th Security Forces Squadron. This dinner is only a very small token of our appreciation for your dedication and your service to this great nation.”

Maj. James Seward, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, said two years ago he and many others were skeptical of the idea of putting the Army guardsmen on the gates but now wonders what the squadron will do without them.

“They’ve integrated themselves so well that it’s truly become one team,” he said. “They have done a phenomenal job, and I am very proud to have worked with them.”

As a token to remember their time here, Colonel Seward presented Capt. George Arp, 1177th Company commander, with a framed 78th Security Forces lithograph. In addition, each of the guardsmen will receive framed lithographs to take home.

Captain Arp expressed his thanks to Robins and the Air Force for the open arms that greeted the group and his pride in the group as a whole.

In a letter read by 78th Mission Support Group commander Col. Silvia Anderson, Colonel Greg Patterson, 78th Air base Wing commander, expressed his gratitude to the

What to know

The 1177th Transportation Company, a U.S. Army National Guard unit from LaGrange, Ga., has been assisting Robins with base security since February 2003 as a force multiplier. The mobilization was a part of an agreement between the Air Force and Army for Soldiers to augment security at Air Force bases in the United States and overseas for up to two years.

guardsmen and said their presence will be greatly missed. The commander was unable to attend the event due to a previous commitment.

The group will miss those who have made this a home a way from home.

Spc. Oscar Gregory, who will soon return to work as a firefighter, said he will miss Robins.

“I’m going to miss it a lot,” he said. “I’ll miss the people coming through the gates and the friends I’ve made. I’m also going to miss the Air Force and interacting with the people of Warner Robins.”

Sgt. Travis Minor echoed those comments.

“I’m going to miss the people most of all and just coming here everyday,” he said.

According to Capt. Michelle Stringer, 78th Security Forces Squadron operations officer, the group won’t officially board the bus back to Fort Bragg until Dec. 10.

STUDY

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“We’re nearing completion of the major cuts on the aircraft and starting analysis of more than 70 individual components removed from the aircraft,” said 2nd Lt. Greg Koch, chief C-5A tear down engineer with the Strategic Airlift Wing’s C-5 structures engineering section. “Right now, we’re disassembling those large components and analyzing those parts to determine their condition.”

Once crews complete the

physical examination and analysis of the different components, Buc McRory, C-5 Strategic Airlift Wing, said researchers will plug those results into the structural computer model and compare the study’s outcome with the predictions of the initial aircraft model.

Robins will send a quarterly report of its findings to AMC headquarters by mid-December. Final results from the study are due to AMC by December 2005.

According to Master Sgt. John Manno, team chief with the 653rd CLSS for the study,

said crews are making great progress in the study.

“We’re actually ahead of schedule on pulling out the pieces of the aircraft,” he said. “Our guys have done a great job in making this happen.”

Mr. McRory agreed.

“This has been an incredible team effort on all sides, but especially from the 653rd CLSS,” he said. “These guys cut this plane apart safely and efficiently, helping us meet the demands of a very tight schedule. It’s their heroic efforts that will help us get this aircraft study done on time.”

WINGMAN

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to eliminate some of those.”

Units and organizations will start the day by dividing their employees into small discussion groups to talk about issues their organization is currently facing and how to improve the impact they have on workers.

Following the morning session, Robins will host a base-wide picnic and sports activities at Robins Park, where base and local support agencies will provide information about ser-

vices aimed at helping military and civilians.

“This day is about Airmen taking care of Airmen,” said Maj. Gen. Michael Collings, Center commander. “Whether they wear a uniform or not, commanders, supervisors and friends need to encourage everyone to use the programs the Air Force provides to take care of our people.”

Civilian employees may be excused from work areas to attend the picnic, but must first notify their supervisors before leaving the work area. Employees leaving the picnic

early must return to their duty areas to complete the workday, or they must request to use annual leave, compensatory time off or leave without pay to cover the absence of the remaining workday.

Employees on other work shifts will observe their regularly scheduled lunch break and duty day. Swing shift employees reporting for their normal duty day prior to the end of the picnic may attend. Following the picnic, swing shift employees must report to their work areas for informative wingman discussions.

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union
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market
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century
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Commander’s call begins Monday



Center Commander Maj. Gen. Mike Collings' commander's call will take place at the Warner Robins Civic Center Monday through Wednesday.

This is a mandatory briefing for all Center employees, including the 78th Air Base Wing organizations. The briefing is not mandatory for

hosted unit commanders, but they are welcome to attend.

All employees will be required to ride the bus except for handicap employees; handicap parking is limited and available in front of the Civic Center. All employees will need to have their base IDs with them in order to re-enter the base.

An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be present at the Monday, 7:30 a.m. session only. Organizations having hearing-impaired personnel are asked to schedule those individuals for that session.

For more information, contact Sherry Plucinski, at 926-3826.

BUS SERVICE PICK UP SCHEDULE

BLUE ROUTE
PAGE ROAD (EAST SIDE OF BLDG. 207 & 208)
207, 208
CORNER OF FIRST AND COCHRAN 158, 177
FIRST STREET IN FRONT OF BLDG. 140
127, 128, 140, 141, 142, 145, 146, 148, 149, 150, 163, 169, 180, 181, 194, 20149, GATE 38
FIRST STREET AT BLDG. 125 GATE 40, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 58, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 109, 110, 111, 125, 204, GATE 31
CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND ROBINS PARKWAY 196, 197, 321
CORNER OF THIRD STREET AND ROBINS PARKWAY 302, 350
BLDG. 91 AT THE WALK-THRU GATE 37, 91, 120, 131, 137
BLDG. 43 (as needed)
BLDG. 322 (as needed)
44 GREEN STREET (as needed)
44 GREEN STREET

RED ROUTE
RICHARD RAY BOULEVARD (IN FRONT OF BLDG. 214)
214, 215
CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND PERRY 228
CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND BYRON 165, 225, 300
CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND COCHRAN 162, 300, 301
CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND MILLEDGEVILLE 201, 301
CORNER OF THIRD AND MILLEDGEVILLE 301, 306, 319,323
CORNER OF THIRD AND COCHRAN 300, 301
CORNER OF THIRD AND BYRON 230, 300
CORNER OF THIRD AND PERRY 226, 227, 231

YELLOW ROUTE
CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND PERRY 255, 263
CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND BYRON 364, 376
CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND ROBINS PARKWAY 359, 377
CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND WARNER ROBINS 351
CORNER OF MLK AND PERRY STREET 273, 280
BLDG. 560, 826 (as needed)
560, 826

GREEN ROUTE
CORNER OF PAGE ROAD AND DANVILLE STREET 603
CORNER OF PAGE ROAD AND NINTH 640, 645, 901
CORNER OF TENTH AND MACON STREET 660, 943, 944, 945, 946, 983
CORNER OF NINTH AND MACON STREET 767, 769, 794, 905, 914, 936
CORNER OF SEVENTH AND MACON STREET 706, 707, 708, 765, 780
SEVENTH STREET (IN FRONT OF BLDG. 700)
700, 700A
As needed:
BLDG. 670
BLDG. 675
BLDG. 1011
BLDG. 1021
BLDG. 1376
BLDG. 1400
BLDG. 1500
BLDG. 1524
BLDG. 1555

WHITE ROUTE (as needed)
BLDG. 8 BEALE DRIVE 8
BLDG. 2039 JOINT STARS STREET 2039
BLDG. 2079 BORGHESE DRIVE 2079

SESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY
Session 1 ■ 7:30 a.m.
AE
BC
CCG
78th MSG/DP
EN
FM
IG
IT
ALC/JA
PK
ASW(LB, LF, LT, LX)
78th SFS
Session 2 ■ 10:30 a.m.
CCD
MU
SE
ALC/XP
ASW (LU)
CSW
CCR
DS
HO
78th CEG
ALC/DP
CCC
Session 3 ■ 2 p.m.
CSW
78th ABW/CC
78th CPTS
78th CONS
78th MSS/DPE
78th ABW/HC
Session 4 ■ 5 p.m.
MAB
MAD
MAI
MAM
MAN

MAS
TUESDAY
Session 5 ■ 7:30 a.m.
78th CEG
78th MSS/DPF
78th MSS/DPM
78 MSS/DPN
EM
78th SFS
78th LRS
78th MDG
78th MSS/CC/CCQ
78th ABW/JA
78th CS
MAB
MAD
MAI
MAM
Session 6 ■ 10:30 a.m.
78th CEG
78th LRS
EM
78th ABW/JA
78th ABW/ME
78th MSG/CC
78th ABW/PA
78th CS
78th SFS
78th ABW/XP
78th MDG
78th MSG/SV
78th OSS
MA-2
MAB
MAD
MAF
MAI
MAM
MAP
MAS

MAW
former commanders and community leaders
Session 7 ■ 2 p.m.
78th CEG
78th LRS
78th MDG
78th OSS
78th CS
78th SFS
78th MSG/SV
653rd CLSS
MA-2
MAA
MAB
MAD
MAF
MAI
MAN
MAS
MAW
N/P/2
WEDNESDAY
Session 8 ■ 7:30 a.m.
MAB
MAI
MAN
MAS
Session 9 ■ 10:30 a.m.
339th FTS
MA-2
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MAS
MAW

ACCESS

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begins, the base will tackle issues of parking availability outside the airfield perimeter and correct issues of access and circulation control identified in a security assessment completed in Phase I.

Col. Greg Patterson, installation and 78th Air Base Wing commander, said taking steps to protect Robins in all areas is a top priority.

“Robins is constantly seeking ways to protect our people and resources in our ongoing effort to create a ‘People First, Mission Always’ culture,” he said. “Our airfield and industrial areas are at the heart of what we do at Robins, and we must take measures to guard those areas – no matter how inconvenient it may seem.”

Jim Anderson, deputy airfield manager for the 78th Operations Support Squadron, who is charged with overseeing flight line driving training and issuing of all vehicle passes, said all passes of those no longer allowed access to these areas should be turned in to their unit’s vehicle control officer or flight line driving program manger as soon as possible.

Base officials said while

Criteria to get a POV pass

FLIGHT LINE
Emergency responders and senior leaders who may need to respond to emergencies.

INDUSTRIAL AREA
■An individual's job requires travel to and from the industrial area, and the private-owned vehicle is considered necessary for the performance of that work and is validated by the individual's wing commander (or equivalent).
■The individual doesn't have access to a government-owned vehicle, golf/ industrial cart or other means of transportation.
■Directors may request passes for issue on an as-needed basis for infrequent, but job-related travel to and from the airfield. These passes will be controlled and signed out as necessary for periods not to exceed 24 hours.
■Individuals with proven disabilities and possessing a handicap parking authorization.

new flight line and industrial area passes are in the works, no date has been set for access pass replacement.

What to know

Flight line and industrial area passes for privately-owned vehicles have been significantly reduced since Nov. 6. POV use on the flight line is restricted to mission-essential emergency responders who possess a valid POV pass, and only when responding to an emergency in progress.

POV reductions will be offset by walking and by the expanded use of low-speed vehicles and government-owned vehicles already existing on the airfield.

This initiative is part of a three-phase program designed to enhance airfield security and safety.

For more information, contact Jim Anderson, deputy airfield manager with the 78th Operations Support Squadron, at 926-2732.

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Wet and weary



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

HYAKURI AIR BASE, Japan – An F-15 Eagle crew chief heads back to a hangar in the middle of a downpour during exercise Keen Sword 2005 here Tuesday. Keen Sword is designed to increase the defensive readiness of Japanese and American forces though training in air, ground and sea operations, and to improve the ability to work together.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

WASHINGTON – Dr. Marvin R. Sambur announced his resignation Wednesday as the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. He is scheduled to depart Jan. 20 or sooner if his successor is confirmed.

Sambur announces resignation

WASHINGTON – Dr. Marvin R. Sambur announced his resignation Wednesday as assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. Dr. Sambur came to the Air Force in 2001 from private industry.

“Marv Sambur is a highly accomplished professional and a patriot who gave up a lucrative career to serve his country in a time of war. He led our acquisition team with innovation, creativity and honor,” Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche said.

“He took on the tough challenges and vastly improved our acquisition processes and structure. As a result of his leadership, our Airmen are better equipped and employ the leading-edge transformational weapon systems essential to successfully counter the new threats that face us,” Secretary Roche said.

“Our nation, our Air Force and our Airmen will benefit from his dedication and superior service for decades to come. America’s Air Force will miss him, and we wish him all the best,” Secretary Roche said.

Dr. Sambur is scheduled to depart Jan. 20 or sooner if his successor is confirmed.

Air Force seeks navigators, applications due by Dec. 29

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Air Force officials are providing more opportunities to active-duty officers who want to become navigators.

Officers who meet basic qualifications must submit their application package by Dec. 29 to be considered by the Feb. 8 to 10 undergraduate flying training selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

“The Air Force has allocated additional training slots for navigator training,” said Maj.

Jim Wurzer, chief of the pipeline and trainer assignments branch at the center. “The number of competitive officers who apply will determine how many slots will be filled.

“If qualified, there is a high probability of being selected for navigator or combat systems officer training in 2005.”

The navigator career field is currently undergoing an important transition to combat systems officer, said Major Wurzer. This transition will provide unique opportunities for officers

interested in becoming a part of the future rated force.

Eligible officers must have a birth date after May 1, 1975, and a total active federal commissioned service date after May 1, 2000. Applicants must send their packages to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733.

People can visit Randolph’s restricted Web site or contact Robins’ military personnel flight at 327-7362 for more information.

AAFES’ ‘Gifts from the Homefront’ certificates offer support to servicemembers

Air Force Print News Service

DALLAS – With the holidays quickly approaching, many Americans are searching for ways to reach out to troops stationed overseas.

Anticipating a rush of mail from well-wishers, Department of Defense officials remind people that, “Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the DoD

no longer accepts items to be mailed to ‘Any Servicemember.’”

People wishing to send support to troops overseas have another option. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service’s “Gifts from the Homefront” and “Help Our Troops Call Home” programs allow anyone to make a direct contribution toward the morale of deployed troops without com-

promising security or increasing the strain on the military mail system.

“Gifts from the Homefront” certificates, which can be purchased by any individual, business or civic organization, allow troops to purchase items of necessity and convenience at exchange facilities worldwide including 51 supporting operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The gift

certificates may also be personalized with a message to troops who find themselves so far from home.

Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, the certificates are a safe alternative to traditional care packages, AAFES officials said. Reports from Iraq and Afghanistan indicate that the certificates are being used

for the latest CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks and beverages and phone cards for calls home.

AAFES’ Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost said “Gifts from the Homefront” and “Help our Troops Call Home” are excellent ways for all to show they care.

Those wishing to send “Gifts from the Homefront” can log on to www.aafes.

com or call (877) 770-4438. “Help Our Troops Call Home” phone cards are also available at aafes.com or by calling (800) 527-2345. Gift certificates and/or phone cards may be sent to an individual servicemember (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to “any servicemember” through the USO, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

EDUCATION HONOR ROLL

Intermediate/Senior Developmental Education selectees:

19th ARG
Fred R. Cunningham, 19th ARG, USAFA AOC
Creg D. Paulk, 99th ARS, National War College
116th ACW
Matthew A. Barker, 128th ACCS, Air Command and Staff College
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Weapons directors provide situational awareness

By 2nd Lt. Erin Tindell
William Tell Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – They came to William Tell to play a video game. But they are not playing Donkey Kong or the latest version of Halo. Instead, they are monitoring radar screens to make sure their pilots stay on track during the competition.

William Tell is a competition which tests an aircrew’s ability to perform under combat conditions. The two-week event challenges pilots, weapons loaders and maintainers from five F-15 Eagle fighter squadrons.

Weapons directors are combat controllers of the sky. They monitor radar to tell pilots where the enemy is so

the right aircraft may be targeted during a mission. Each major command team at William Tell has two weapons directors to help their pilots come out on top.

“We give (pilots) that extra look because they can only see so far with their radar,” said Capt. Daniel Wrazien, an Air Combat Command team weapons director from the 552nd Operations Support Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Weapons directors work aboard surveillance aircraft such as the E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system or the E-8 joint surveillance target attack radar system. They are not air traffic controllers, whose main job is to make sure aircraft safely stay apart in the airspace.

“Instead of keeping aircraft apart, we bring them together,” said Senior Airman Randy Stinnett, an ACC team weapons director from the 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker.

While at William Tell, weapons directors will compete on all profiles except Profile IV, the banner shoot.

“You can’t really see a banner on a radar monitor,” Airman Stinnett said.

But what they can see on the monitor tells them what air tactic pilots should use to intercept the enemy, Captain Wrazien said.

As soon as the team’s aircraft take off, the pilots check in with their weapons directors. The weapons directors let the pilots know any airspace restrictions so they will

not fly into commercial planes.

Once the weapons directors pinpoint the enemy aircraft, they transmit a series of code via radio to tell the pilots the quickest direction to catch the bad guys, the captain said. From there, the weapons directors sit back, watch the radar and let the pilots know of any changes.

Weapons directors said they are trained to know when to jump in the battle.

“If you don’t speak up at the right time, you can get someone killed,” Airman Stinnett said.

Situational awareness is crucial to being a weapons director, but another important aspect of the job is knowing all aircraft, both friendly and adversary.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Josef Cole

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Tech. Sgt. Adam R. Melerski directs F-15 Eagle pilots to aerial targets during William Tell 2004 here Tuesday. He is a weapons director for the Oregon Air National Guard at Portland.

“The tough part of the job is that you have to be an expert on all aircraft ... so you constantly have to stay in the books to keep fresh,” Airman Stinnett said.

However, during William Tell and during real-world scenarios, all the hard work pays off in the end when a mission is successfully completed, Captain Wrazien said.

C-130 call center team provides ‘single face support’ to customers

Center Office of Strategic Communication

When it comes to helping customers, the Center Aircraft Sustainment Directorate is answering the call.

The directorate held a ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 4 for a new customer relations management call center that will service the C-130 weapon system and test new approaches to answering C-130 customer queries.

“This launch is a very exciting time for our team...it’s something different every day,” said Karen Vernon, a call center member. “The end result of the test should be the implementation of this approach across (Air Force Materiel Command) as the new way of doing business with our customers.”

The center incorporates into one single area a team that can take all C-130 calls and get the caller an immediate response to any questions they may have. The goal is to make the caller only one call away from his or her answer, no longer shuffled from one area to another.

The customer will no longer have to think about which office to call, depending on their C-130 question. All they have to remember is one number and that is the only call they will have to make.

This single face support to



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Troy Ringwelski, customer relations management specialist, speaks with a customer in the C-130 call center. The center will test new approaches to answering customer queries, and, if successful, the process will be implemented across Air Force Materiel Command.

the C-130 community began in September and will last through August 2005. It is being observed by AFMC.

The test will enable Robins to validate the command’s newly designed processes for customer collaboration and direct support using the existing Air Force Portal, the Air Force’s internal World Wide Web source, and future electronic visibility and ordering software tools.

The test focuses primarily on tactical problem solving, such as parts chasing, requisition status, technical issues and customer support.

Additionally by funneling all calls through a central area, the team is able to gather data and provide trend analysis to the supply chain managers which highlights potential problem areas either in repair, manufacturing or training.

If the test proves successful, the command will expand implementation of customer relations management throughout AFMC.

“A major challenge will be to convince the customer they can come to us to get the right answer, and get it fast,” said 2nd Lt. John Sykes, a former control program manager. “We will build trust one customer at a time.”

If successful, the test and other initiatives will improve war fighter readiness by increasing weapon system availability by 20 percent by fiscal 2007, with 10 percent reduction in operations and support cost by fiscal 2011.

Operational Risk Management and the holiday trip home

By Lee Ann Allen
Center Safety Office

As a safety specialist here at Robins, I’ve been trained in using the six-step process known as operational risk management, or ORM. With Thanksgiving approaching, I thought that this might be the perfect time to share an opportunity to use ORM in helping you plan your trip “over the river and through the woods.”

As you all know, your supervisor has already put the word out that Thanksgiving leave slips have to be submitted in a timely fashion. For military members they will also request that your travel plans be reviewed by your supervisor or first sergeant. Why these requirements? Well, in doing so they can ensure that everyone has sound plans, and the leaders have enough people to carry out the mission (there’s ORM again).

After much discussion with your family about where you will celebrate

Thanksgiving, you can start planning your trip. In keeping with the first step in ORM, you need to identify the hazards. A good way to do this is to visit various Department of Transportation Web sites for the states in which you will be traveling to. These sites will help you to learn about road closures, construction areas and detours. These sites provide helpful information, including weather forecasts for different roads.

Armed with these facts, move on to the next step in the ORM process and assess the hazards. Think about what you read on the DOT site. You might be faced with some construction areas that could lead to detours, road closures as well as some planned local events, such as college football games, that could pose problems.

Now you can make your risk decisions, based on factual information. You may have to make some decisions such as whether or not you should leave earlier to allow for plenty of daylight or maybe you

will have to change your route due to a detour.

For the trip home, remember most travelers will begin to return home on the Sunday after the long holiday. Data has revealed that many wrecks were the result of people waiting until the last possible minute on Sunday night to return home for work on Monday. Give yourself plenty of time and try to plan for any unforeseen factors that can come along.

Now you can implement some control. Check the tires, wipers and all the fluids. Be sure your vehicle is ready for the trip. Get plenty of rest the night before. Now you are ready to travel. After you have returned home from your holiday trip is the time to review everything that happened. Some things will probably be just great, and some you will have wished you could have changed. If you haven’t realized it you have just practiced ORM.

Questions about ORM can be reviewed in AF PAM 90-902.

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78th Medical Group offers a more comfortable mammogram

By Lanorris Askew
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Those who visit Jerri Bosarge in the 78th Medical Group’s radiology department are usually happy to see her smiling face, but less than thrilled about the procedure she must perform.

Luckily for them, technology has allowed Robins to be the home of the first mammography facility in the military to offer a new product that dramatically eases the pain many women endure during a mammogram.

The FDA-cleared foam cushion, called the Woman’s Touch MammoPad, is designed to provide a softer, warmer mammogram. By making it more comfortable to get a mammogram, the group hopes to increase the number of women who get regular screenings.

As the department’s mammography supervisor, Mrs. Bosarge has been giving the much dreaded mammogram for 17 years. She said the new equipment has gotten rave reviews.

“The new pad makes the equipment softer and warmer,” she said. “We’ve had it for a couple of weeks now, and we’ve gotten a wonderful response from patients. There are some things that we just can’t get away from, so the new pad really helps.”

According to 78th MDG officials,

What to know

A new analysis by the American Cancer Society demonstrates that women can reduce their risk of death from breast cancer by more than 60 percent if they receive regular mammographic screenings.

For this reason, both the society and the American College of Radiology recommend women age 40 and older receive mammograms yearly.

Early detection of breast cancer can make the crucial difference between life and death.

Mammograms identify lumps that a woman's self-exam wouldn't find until an average of 1.7 years later. Regular mammograms are the only scientifically proven way to reduce breast cancer mortality.

the discomfort many women feel during mammography is widely known to be a reason that some don’t come back as often as they should, or at all. Many women report that the procedure can cause painful compression, pinching and skin stretching. The cold surfaces and hard edges of the device can make the experience even more uncomfortable for some.

The MammoPad answers these complaints by cushioning the breast during mammography.

The single-use, adhesive-backed foam cushion attaches to the compression plates of the mammography device. It was developed by Stanford University breast surgeon Gale Lebovic, who understood mammography discomfort from both a physician and patient’s point of view. The cushion not only provides a soft, warm surface for breast positioning but also helps lessen skin-pulling.

The cushion is “invisible” to X-rays and does not interfere with the image quality of the mammogram. Made from a proprietary material, the cushion is also free of image-clouding artifacts.

“At the 78th MDG radiology, we’ve always tried to create the best possible experience for our patients,” said Master Sgt. Darryl Olverson, radiology element leader. “We’re pleased to be able to offer our patients this important enhancement.”

Mrs. Bosarge said for those who still have second thoughts the clinic provides a very friendly environment to help ease the tension.

“We have a separate waiting room for our ladies,” she said. “We also have music, candy and a lot of educational information. We do an average of 200 mammograms per month or 2,000 per year, but we still need to do more.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Jerri Bosarge attaches a Mammo Pad to the compression plates of the mammography device. The cushion provides for a softer, warmer mammogram.

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AFMC Safety Office sends holiday message

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio – *The following is a holiday safety message from the Air Force Materiel Command Safety Office.*

The approaching Thanksgiving holiday marks the beginning of America’s festive season, one which will continue through New Year’s Day. AFMC members soon will find themselves in the midst of celebration and reflection. In preparation for

this time reserved for family, friendships, traditions and goodwill toward one another, the AFMC safety office encourages commanders, supervisors, co-workers and peers to set the standard and a positive example for a safe holiday season. The holidays provide an opportunity to put into practice the Air Force Wingman program, which focuses on Airmen taking care of Airmen.

Many of you will be traveling significant distances on the nation’s highways, through its airports and by other means of travel. Now is the time to start planning your travels. Be sure to build flexibility into your travel plans. Remember, things don’t always go as planned.

Conduct a personal risk assessment of your plan before traveling and consider all potential areas of risk such

as unfamiliar roads, adverse weather conditions and the condition of your vehicle. Listen for traffic delays, and think about the working order of any equipment you may be using, such as the snow skis you haven’t been on in a year.

Remember, some celebrations start off with the best of intentions, but can sometimes end in tragedy. All of us must actively be involved in preventing drinking and driving,

ensuring seatbelts and other protective gear are always used and complying with posted speed limits.

You should also be aware of your surroundings and the people you are with, or around. While the holidays are times of fun and laughter for most people, in some cases the holidays are days of depression, especially for those without family or friends who are far from home and have no

way to express their loneliness or despair.

We in the safety office don’t want to lose a single AFMC family member during this holiday season. Let’s end the year on a positive note and begin 2005 safe, risk-free and ready for the challenges ahead. Include safety and risk management in all your holiday activities. We wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Operation Risk Reduction from great to world class



By George L. Falldine

Our Team Robins’ work force has excelled at providing war fighters with the combat capabilities they need to fight and win the global war on terrorism.

During Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, we successfully accelerated aircraft depot maintenance and surged the exchangeable assets we repair and manage.

Our outstanding work force continues to support the fight through depot maintenance, purchasing and supply chain management, product support and deployment of combat ready forces. Our production and overall optempo has been at a high level for years, and will likely remain that way for quite some time.

But are we achieving these operational levels at a much too high people cost? Have we, over a long period of time, and perhaps without realizing it, developed a culture that often disre-

gards standard operating procedures and even disregards basic safety rules and procedures? I believe the answer to these questions is yes.

Tragically, one of our Airmen has been killed on the job and another critically injured. Future tragedies must be prevented.

An adherence to Air Force core values and standard operating procedures will put us on the right track to surviving and excelling for the long-haul. We must change our culture – no more “casualties of peace”.

The perception that, “Oh, we’re different – we’re a depot, we’re not like the rest of the Air Force” is something I’ve often heard said over the years. But, that mindset creates the wrong culture.

How different are we? All of us here – military, civilian and contractors, are part of the United States Air Force. So the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do certainly apply to

everyone here. Standard Air Force procedures as defined in AF instructions, operating procedures and technical orders also apply to us.

We need to identify the things that we do differently, and then determine which processes are innovative and really should be different, and which processes we need to standardize. Many of us are too close to our work to identify what it is we do differently.

Consider someone who has played golf for years with the same foursome. It’s easy to develop bad habits over time without realizing it. The golfer cannot rely on the advice of the group, because each has developed the same bad habits and all analyze the problem differently.

To improve your game, you go to a golf professional, an expert, to have him or her analyze your game and suggest ways to improve.

That is exactly what Center Commander Maj. Gen. Mike Collings is doing for Warner

Robins Air Logistics Center with Operation Risk Reduction. He has invited a 250-person focused augmentation and risk reduction, or FARR, team from within and outside Air Force Materiel Command to look at our culture and processes with fresh eyes.

The team’s mission is not to inspect; it’s to identify where we can improve our game, analyze why we aren’t swinging straight, and find solutions that will lead us to some eagles.

The FARR team is not here to inspect us. Let me say again – this is not an inspection. The overarching purpose of the FARR team is to help us normalize our culture with the rest of the Air Force so we can institutionalize safe work habits and do our jobs even better. It’s not that we’re broken and need fixing. It’s about creating a culture that will enable us to improve from “great” to “world class”.


Operation Risk Reduction will also mesh perfectly with one of the basic principles of Lean: the

need for standardized work. Standardized work is necessary for consistent and high-quality end items and reduces the need for re-work. Having a standardized way to perform our jobs will also ultimately reduce stress levels, and we could all appreciate having less stress.

Understanding the need for standardized work and having the self-discipline to perform all work in a standardized way ties us all together and gives everyone a focus, an anchor of stability and constancy of purpose, to take the Center from a great organization to a world-class organization. Now it’s up to each of us to pave the way.

There is a lot at stake. Our AFMC commander, Gen. Gregory S. Martin, often says that the rest of the Air Force rides on the backs of the men and women of AFMC. The war fighter deploys and fights with the weapon systems and equipment we buy and sustain. We make a difference.

Commander's Action Line



Col. Greg Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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IDEA.....	926-2536
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Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Parking and traffic

I arrive at the second parking lot near Building 125 around 6:30 a.m. and turn east in the first aisle by the steps. The problem is that invariably there are some pickup trucks that have not pulled to the end of the parking spot. Sometimes, they even have their tailgates down. The space between the first two parking lanes is not that wide and anything protruding makes it even more difficult to maneuver through.

I have observed vehicles pulling boats through the first space and parking against the traffic occupying two parking spaces and trailers with lawn equipment that occupies two spaces. Now that hunting season is here, I expect to see a number of trailers with

four wheelers, ready to go into the woods after work.

Security forces should look at this occasionally and pass out a few citations for parking against the traffic and taking up two parking spaces.

I have also noticed that some of the traffic entering the base at the Green Street Gate 2 is traffic traveling north on Ga. Highway 247. They must make a sharp right turn. To get to Gate 2 they must pass up other gates. By the time north/south traffic is stopped by the light, the area that funnels traffic into the gate is full. Thereby, allowing only a limited number of Green Street vehicles to get in line to enter.

Maybe, an agreement with the state Department of Transportation to install a sign prohibiting right turns from 6-8

a.m. would allow Green Street traffic to move into the base at a smoother pace.

Commander’s reply: Thanks for bringing this parking issue to our attention. I have asked security forces and parking monitors for those individuals who do not pull all the way in a space (double parking). Parking is very limited supporting our industrial and administrative areas, therefore, we are investigating an alternative parking location for those in need of two parking spaces. As for the “no right turn” from 6-8 a.m., I think it’s a great idea, and we are waiting for a response from the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Remember to slow down

There have been

752

speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

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Fiscal 2004:

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Fiscal 2005 to date:

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CGOA community service activity

Robins Company Grade Officers Association's next event is Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Habitat for Humanity house on Orchard Way, behind the U-Haul dealer on Watson Boulevard. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Niklaus W. Pleisch at 222-2320.

Holiday postal deadlines

The recommended deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are listed below.

- Space-available mail: Nov. 27.
- Parcel airlift mail: Dec. 4.
- Priority and first-class letters/cards: Dec. 11 (Dec. 6

for APO 093).

- Express mail military service: Dec. 20 (Not applicable for APO 093).

Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative

A Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative will be in Building 255 at the entrance to the right of the center doors Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The representative will be available from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. by appointment only. All appointments will be in 15 minute increments. Call (404) 923-3180 or e-mail fep-info@bcb-sga.com and provide a date and time frame that is convenient for you. Leave your phone number or e-mail address and your appointment will be confirmed.

Commander's support staff in-house training

The 78th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight will host their monthly Commander's Support Staff

In-House Training Session at 3 p.m., Dec. 1, Building 905, room 240 (MPF training room). The training topics will be redeployment in-processing, unfavorable information file, and base in-processing procedures. If you have any questions concerning this training, contact Senior Master Sgt. Mike Hall at 327-7337.

ASIST training

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) will be held Dec. 15-16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Occupational Health Building, Building 207. Military members attending ASIST should wear civilian clothes. Attendees for each class must be willing to attend both days. Volunteers for ASIST need to be just that - people willing to help others, not people to fill seats. We are looking for emotionally stable folks - in other words, not people leadership is aware of, who are hurting or struggling

with significant personal issues. To register to attend the class, call the Health & Wellness Center at 327-8480 or e-mail bridget.zimmerman@robins.af.mil.

Tax center needs team members

The Robins base tax center needs you to help active duty and retired military members and their dependents in the filing of income tax returns. Military members who wish to join the tax center team should notify their first sergeant through their supervisors. The deadline to volunteer is Dec. 20. Team members will receive free training in the field of computerized income tax preparation. The tax center will be open from Jan. 24 to April 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. During that time, team members will prepare and file income tax returns for eligible clients. Questions may be directed to Staff Sgt. Da-Vonna S. Cromwell at 926-9276.

Base Housing refuse pickup

Due to Christmas and New Years' holidays being observed on a Friday, refuse pickup for Base Housing will be changed to Thursday, Dec. 23 and Thursday, Dec. 30. If you have any questions, contact Gail Davis at 926-5820 extension 188.

Motorcycle course deadline

The Center commander's deadline for the new Motorcycle Safety Program requirements is Dec. 31. Military members are required to complete Motorcycle Safety Foundation training prior to riding on or off base. After Dec. 31 riders who are civilians, dependants and contractors will be required to complete MSF training prior to riding on base. Contact the Center Safety Office at 926-6271 to sign up. Operators must also carry an approved motorcycle rider's course

completion card when operating a motorcycle.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc. chapter scholarships

The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. at Robins is accepting applications for the Pratt & Whitney Golden Eagle Award scholarship. Financially disadvantaged, deserving young men and women who demonstrate a sincere pursuit of education leading to aviation, aerospace, engineering or technology careers will receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Forty-one Tuskegee Airmen scholarships of \$1,500 will also be awarded. Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in 2005. Application forms and instructions may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, www.tuskegeearmen.org or from the Robins chapter. Application deadline is Feb. 12.

A bountiful thanks



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Robins Command Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, holding the check, and Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Gregory, Airman Relief Fund president, accept a check for \$6,000 from Ronnie Sanders and Chip Cherry on behalf of the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee for the Robins Airman Relief Fund. The money will be used for Thanksgiving baskets for 133 military families. In addition, Chief Doolittle said they will receive \$2,000 from the Dixie Crows Chapter of Association of Old Crows and nearly \$5,000 from the Base Chapel to be used for the baskets.

Volunteers needed to brief suicide prevention, workplace violence information

The Life Skills Support Center is looking for volunteers to brief on Suicide Prevention and Workplace Violence Awareness. Volunteers will be trained to be subject matter experts on suicide prevention and workplace violence and will be assigned to brief units, squadrons and directorates during 2005. Subject matter experts will be required to complete two days of training. Any military or civilian per-

sonnel can be a volunteer. No experience is needed, but a background or education in humanities, psychology or sociology is a plus. Interested persons should contact Capt. Kesha Rawlings, officer in charge of Robins Suicide Prevention Program, at kesha.rawlings@robins.af.mil, or Tech. Sgt. Tanya Harris, noncommissioned officer in charge, at tanya.harris@robins.af.mil or at 327-8398.

— From staff reports

GI Bill offers on-the-job training for veterans

The Georgia State Approving Agency wants to spread the word about an on-the-job training benefit program for veterans where they can train in an entry-level job in almost any field and be able to receive up to \$11,820 in GI Bill educational assistance benefits during a 24 month training program. On-the-job training allows a veteran to acquire a skilled occupation in a practical, hands-on way, under the supervision of a skilled worker with accompanying related instruc-

tion. Recently hired (up to 36 months ago) public or private employees who are veterans may be eligible for GI Bill benefits. National Guard and U.S. Reserve members may also be eligible. For more information, call the Georgia Department of Veterans Services at (404) 656-2306/2322, e-mail saahds@mindspring.com or visit www.military.com/Education/Content/0,13302,Education_Best,00.html.

— From staff reports

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Airmen help Santa answer letters

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – Air Force volunteers from the combat weather flight here will once again help Santa send out thousands of signed, North Pole-post marked letters to children worldwide.

The Santa’s Mailbag program started 50 years ago by 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Airmen, and it has been carried on by those of the 354th Operations Support Squadron.

Each year, the unit receives thousands of Dear Santa Claus letters and Christmas-wish lists. Volunteers in the weather flight sort and read the letters, select an appropriate reply from Santa Claus and mail the letters with an official North Pole postmark. Last year, the program received about 4,000 letters.

“This program is a very important local tradition which has been carried on by weather Airmen along the years,” said 2nd Lt. Pedro Gonzalez, weather flight volunteer. “We take a lot of pride in running it. The kids get a lot of joy in receiving a letter from Santa with a North Pole stamp, and the parents get a great memento.”

The volunteers start processing letters in late November and will continue through Christmas. The flight must receive letters to Santa by mid-December to ensure a reply before Christmas. Children whose letters arrive too late will get a special “after Christmas” letter from Santa.

“We are hoping to start getting letters right after Thanksgiving,” said Lieutenant Gonzalez. “Since the post office can get swamped during the holidays, people should try to send the letters as early as possible.”

Children can write to Santa at: Santa’s Mailbag, 354th OSS/OSW, 2827 Flightline Ave. Suite 100B, Eielson AFB AK 99702-1520.

There is no cost for the letters, but self-addressed stamped envelopes or donations made out to “Santa’s Mailbag” to help defray the cost of postage and supplies are accepted.

– Air Force Print News Service

Inspect toys to protect children from eye injuries

The holiday season is just around the corner. This is the perfect time to think about toy safety.

Though most toys on the market are safe, there are more than 24,000 eye injuries to children per year according to Prevent Blindness America, an organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight.

These injuries may result from accidents, misuse of a toy or a flaw in the design or material of the toy.

Ninety percent of these types of injuries are preventable.

Here are a few tips:

- Avoid toys that shoot any type of object. Even “safe” foam throwing darts have suction cups that can cause serious harm to the eye upon impact.
- Use caution when playing with toy helicopters. Some have blades that rotate at a high enough speed to cause injuries.
- Weapon sets with bow and arrows and sword and daggers can cause loss of an eye if accidentally hit.
- A toy gun that shoots anything including hard foam balls can cause black eyes or more severe eye damage. A BB gun should never be thought of as a toy.
- Some toy tool sets have “real” tools that can be dangerous. Impact to the eye can cause serious injury.
- If you are giving a toy chemistry set as a gift, be sure that safety glasses are included and worn when playing. These sets can cause explosions that might injure eyes.
- If you are giving sporting goods as a gift, also purchase sport goggles. These are important when playing sports such as baseball, basketball, soccer, hockey and racquetball. They can be purchased anywhere glasses are sold and can include the child’s eye glass prescription if necessary.
- On the toys you purchase, look for the letters “ASTM,” which indicate that the toy meets safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials.
- Before allowing a child

to play with a toy, read the instructions carefully so that you understand the safety hazards.

- Inspect toys periodically

for damage that have the potential to cause injury.

- Keep toys intended for older children out of reach of the younger ones.

The holiday season is a joyful one, and with a little bit of effort it can be a safe one too.

– Robins Optometry Clinic

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A welcome opportunity

FARR team enters work force to help obtain the Center's goal of becoming a more valued air and space force team member, further the ideal of 'People First, Mission Always'

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With the pre-game show over, the focused augmentation and risk reduction, or FARR team has already begun to set up plays in the first quarter of Operation Risk Reduction.

With Monday beginning their first full work week, the team has already helped make improvements from the industrial areas to the system program offices.

Senior Master Sgt. George Flores, vehicle maintenance manager in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said his folks are glad to have Master Sgt. David Bible, their FARR team representative, to help.

"It's a fresh set of eyes to give us another look," he said. "He's validating some of what we've already identified and identifying things we've overlooked."

Sergeant Bible is the vehicle maintenance superintendent with the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Hulbert Field, Fla., and is looking at LRS processes and safety concerns.

"When I come in we discuss any issues they might have, or any processes they'd like to take a look at," he said. "We make a game plan, and they tell me who I need to talk to. If something isn't meeting Air Force Occupational Safety and Health, Air Force Instruction or other written policy, then I review it, validate it and contact whatever organizations or individuals I need to get it verified." Then I write it up, take it to Sergeant Flores to show him what has been documented and take it to my team chief."

While it's the job of the team member to address problems they see, Robins personnel may also bring up issues.

"Some of the issues we've already addressed internally, for example, in work orders that we've turned in to civil engineering," said Sergeant Flores.

"I think they've done an outstanding job here," said Sergeant Bible. They're just having some issues with getting processes fixed. Hopefully with me writing

them up and giving them a little more visibility, the funding will come down, and those items can get fixed a little bit quicker."

Sergeant Bible is also learning while here. One example of that is a spreadsheet process, developed by Sergeant Flores, which he believes will improve their tracking process.

"It's a benchmark process that I'm definitely taking back with me," he said. "We're almost counterparts doing the same job. The spreadsheet I use is very hard to interpret, and his is clear," he said. "He (Sergeant Flores) is supposed to retire in March and for him to still have

that kind of dedication has really gained my respect."

Tech. Sgt. William Bellmore, the 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron dispatch support supervisor at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., is looking at Robins' vehicle operations, which moves people and cargo for official business.

The job may sound simple, but a lot goes into the operation.

Sergeant Bellmore and Staff Sgt. Christopher Bertrand have spent the past week looking over their lesson plans, observing driving, loading, unloading and reviewing other processes in the unit that employs both contractors and military members.

The team members are also observing training procedures on new recruits from technical school.

"The interaction with the FARR team has been excellent," said Master Sgt. James Muncy, vehicle operations superintendent. "We don't try to hide anything because we are using the FARR team as our voice. We do want to see change."

The FARR team is also reaching out to the white collar side of operations here.

When an F-15 breaks down, Mike Powell, production management specialist in the F-15 System Program Office, works with the engineers to come up with a repair plan and makes sure that plan gets out to the field so needed parts can be ordered. He also makes sure the money is there for the team to get to the repair loca-

Why they're here

The FARR team will look at policy and law, training, safety and risk reduction and team work and agency coordination to help Robins become a better installation.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

From left, Master Sgt. David Bible, FARR team member, and Tech. Sgt. Gregory Sherman, 78th LRS, examine the low voltage protector that was added to a pedestal bench grinder in the vehicle management element of LRS to eliminate a safety hazard. The local purchase prevents the grinder from starting back up when it loses power. The problem was identified Monday and fixed before work Tuesday.

tion and have the tools needed.

Levi Warren, a logistics section chief from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., is here to help with that.

"We're looking at the 107 process and technical orders and reviewing guidance to see if there are things we can do or identify to improve it," he said.

The 107 process is the form used to request a depot field team.

"There are a lot of outside agencies, team work and coordination involved to make sure that process happens as quickly and accurately as possible," said Mr. Warren. "So, we're identifying ways to help Robins and eventually other areas across the Air Force if it applies."

Paul Ratke, Combat Sustainment Wing FARR team lead from Tinker, said to



Juan Mesa, FARR team lead equipment specialist from Tinker, documents findings, and files reports at the Robins Conference Center Tuesday.

examine these types of jobs it takes FARR team members and their counterparts a lot of cooperation to understand the business process and where there is frustration or items that need to be addressed.

"A lot of times the team

member knows from back home some of the issues or the Robins member knows the issues, and between them it allows a little more focus," he said. "With the team here we have upward visibility to raise some of these issues."

Who they are

The focused augmentation and risk reduction, or FARR team, is a cross-functional Air Force team, comprised of more than 200 people.

The team is scheduled to be here for no longer than 120 days and is comprised of almost every specialty across the Center including medical, logistics, maintenance, engineering and sustainment.

FARR team members report to work each day with their assigned Robins teammate just as if they were a member of the Robins work force.

When their work is done, the team will provide feedback directly to Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander.

Staff Sgt. Stafford Williams, 78th LRS, checks airhoses on a gooseneck trailer while Staff Sgt. Christopher Bertrand, FARR team member, observes. Sergeant Bertrand has spent the past week looking over the squadron's lesson plans, observing driving, loading, unloading.



FSC receives community support



Courtesy photo
Mil-Spec Packaging of Georgia and Chick-fil-A partner to donate coupons to the Family Support Center for the families of deployed service members. From left are Robert Hentz, Mil-Spec Packaging of Georgia and the Military Affairs Committee; Christine Parker, Family Support Center; Chick-fil-A cow; Pat Braski, Chick-fil-A; Chip Cherry, Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce; and Renee Bilbrey, Chick-fil-A.

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club 3368 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PK conference room, Building 300. If you wish to enhance your communication skills and become a better leader at work and in your community, come join us. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Hall at 497-2946 or Brenda Smith at 222-1710.

Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program (AFCOMAP) Middle Georgia Chapter, a professional organization dedicated to the mentoring and professional development of all Air Force officers and officer candidates, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Daedalian Room of the Officers’ Club. More information

can be found on Robins homepage under Special Functions.

Officers’ Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member’s home. OCF serves all active duty officers, enlist-ed personnel, guard and reserve members, ROTC cadets/midshipmen, inter-national military personnel and civilian employees of military retirees. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

Editor’s Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group’s information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Editor’s note: The Rev-Up will no longer publish a crossword puzzle. Here are the answers for Nov. 12.

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Offering holiday wishes for deployed troops

Visit www.defendamerica.mil and click the “Support Our Troops” icon to find out how you can support deployed servicemembers. To answer questions about mailing procedures

for care packages and other U.S. Postal Service items, the Robins Base Information Transfer Center staff is available in Building 301 East Wing, Room 256, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

For more information on packaging tips and other mail-related items, contact a base post office staff member at 926-4851 or 926-4376. — From staff reports

SERVICES BRIEFS

Base Restaurant

A carry-out special is available, which includes a 15-pound turkey, 8 pounds of cornbread dressing, half-pan of mashed potatoes, half-pan of green beans, one quart of giblet gravy and one quart of cranberry sauce for \$45.95. Orders will be taken through today. Final day for pick-up is Wednesday by 3 p.m. To place an order, call 926-3031 or 926-6972.

Club membership

There are only 11 days left for applicants to join the club and get a chance to win up to \$3,000 in credit to their club card account as the grand prize winner; \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place in the “Get In On It” Air Force club membership drive going on now through Nov. 30. Air Force-wide new and current members will be randomly chosen from a database at the end of the club drive to determine the winners.

The squadron challenge, in conjunction with the “Get In On It” club drive, will also end Nov. 30. The challenge is divided into three categories: a party valued at \$1,000 for large units consisting of more than 100 people; a party valued at \$600 for medium units consisting of 50 - 99 people and a \$300 party for small units consisting of less than 49 people. Membership dues for the enlisted club are \$8 per month for E-5 - E-9 and at a reduced rate of \$4 for E-1 - E-4 per month. Officers’ club dues are \$18 per month. For complete details, call the officers’ club at 926-2670 or the enlisted club at 926-4515.

Customer feedback survey

The annual Air Force Customer Feedback Survey will be delivered soon to Robins and given randomly to individuals throughout the base. For more information on the survey, call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

Enlisted Club

Club members who sign up an eligible nonmember during lunch at the club Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will receive their lunch free. The new member will also receive a free lunch and two free months of membership dues.

Family Child Care

The Returning Home Care Program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child. Eligible users are active duty members, Air National Guard and Air Reserve members assigned to or living on Robins. The care is provided in the Extended Duty Care FCC home. For more information, call 926-6741.

Go Program

Starting Dec. 1 the Go program will offer a variety of events, activities and discounts designed for junior enlisted force.

All E1 - E4s and their immediate family members may take advantage of these programs. For more information, call 926-5492.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Get a free CD case with the purchase of an Atlanta Hawks basketball ticket at ITT. Tickets cost \$35.

Join ITT on a one-day holiday shopping trip to the North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville, Ga., Dec. 4. The outlet features 140 stores in an outdoor village setting. Cost is \$30 for officers’ and enlisted club members when they show their Members First Plus club card and \$35 for non-club members. The bus will depart at 8 a.m. and will depart from the mall at 7 p.m. A minimum of 25 people must sign up by Dec. 3 at ITT. For more information, call 926-2945.

Officers’ Club

Tickets are on sale now for Thursday’s Thanksgiving buffet, noon - 2:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

Smith Community Center

The community center canned food is going on now. Donations are used to create holiday food baskets to distribute to Robins families. Collection boxes will be placed throughout Services facilities and will be emptied each Friday with final collection on Dec. 21. Collection boxes for areas other than Services facilities can be placed upon request. Confidential applications to receive a basket will be accepted at the community center office in Building 767. Volunteers are needed to assemble and deliver the baskets. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

Spalding Nature Center

The nature center will be closed Nov. 30 for staff training.

The Oscar’s Amphitheatre is now available for weddings, retirement parties, meetings and classes at the nature center. Cost for rental is \$15 with a \$25 refundable deposit. For reservations and information, call 926-4500.

Wynn Dining Facility

All active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to a traditional Thanksgiving meal Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wynn Dining Facility. Spouse and dependent children of active duty enlisted members in pay grades E-1 through E-4 are not required to pay the surcharge. Subsistence in kind enlisted members will not pay for their meals, but their family members and guests will pay the standard rate. Military members who do not live in the dorms are asked to notify the dining hall no later than Monday if planning to dine.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today 7:30 p.m. – Shark Tale – animat-

ed The sea underworld is shaken up when the son of the shark mob boss is found dead and a young fish named Oscar is found at the scene. Oscar takes advantage of the situation and makes himself look like he killed the finned mobster. Oscar soon comes to realize that his claim may have serious consequences.



Rated PG (mild language and crude humor) 90 minutes
Saturday 7:30 p.m. – Friday Night Lights – Billy Bob Thornton and Derek Luke

Based on the book about high school football by H. G. Bissinger, Friday Night Lights chronicles the entire 1988 season of the Permian High Panthers of Odessa, Texas, with football players, coaches, mothers, fathers, boosters, fans and families struggling with ongoing personal conflicts while the team fights for a state championship.



Rated PG-13 (thematic issues, sexual content, language, some teen drinking and rough sports action) 118 minutes

COMING SOON:
Nov. 26 – **Team America: World Police** – animated – Rated R: With the help of Team America, an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability, Broadway star Gary Johnston goes undercover and manages to uncover a plan to destroy the world.

Nov. 27 – **Surviving Christmas** – Ben Affleck and James Gandolfini – Rated PG-13: Facing another Christmas alone, Drew decides to go back to his idyllic childhood home to spend the holidays with family. However, the people living there now are not Drew’s family.

Dec. 3 – **The Grudge** – Sarah Michelle Gellar and William Mapother – Rated PG-13 : An American student working with a Japanese health center for college credit, comes across a mysterious curse. Known as a “grudge,” the curse was born inside of a house after its inhabitants died while consumed by rage.

Dec. 4 – **I Heart Huckabees** – Jason Schwartzman and Isabelle Huppert – Rated R : A plucky couple like to play detective. But instead of solving murders, theylike to delve into philosophical questions.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free “Money and Credit Management” workshop, open to all Team Robins members, Nov. 19, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.

Marketing yourself for a second career

Retired Col. Jerry Crews, with the Military Officers’ Association of America, will present “Marketing Yourself for a Second Career,” Nov. 30, 9 - 11:30 a.m., at the Base Theater. Colonel Crews will introduce the audience to the realities of the competition in the civilian job market; the perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel; a plan for the job search; tips for strengthening the resume; net-working plans; preparing for and

conducting a successful interview; and salary negotiations and benefit packages.

The target audience is officers and senior noncommissioned officers who plan to leave the service in the next 1-5 years. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Nov. 30, 1 - 3 p.m., Building 905, Room 250. The briefing is for military members and their spouses who are within 1-3 years of separation or retirement.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program ensures active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year.

Relocation assistance

The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. The relocation assistance program also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES) that has information on all military installa-

tions worldwide at www.airforcesourceone.com (user ID: airforce; password: ready). If you don’t have a computer, you can call (800) 707-5784. For more information, call 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered by the FSC Readiness Team at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453

Airman’s attic

The Airmen’s Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children’s clothing, toys and military uniforms.

Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman’s Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a

“Wish List.” Airmen are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.

Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, (\$20 value), chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.

Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member’s remote tour, TDY/deployment. If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest-free loan. To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member’s orders by the FSC.

Like father, like son



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tim Beckham
Brian Billingsley and his son Zachary walk off the tee-box at Pine Oaks Golf Course Nov. 2.

THE SON

Robins Elementary School student competes in Golf Channel tournament

By Tech. Sgt. Beverly Isik
116th Air Control Wing
Public Affairs

Zachary Billingsley took a few days off from the sixth grade at Robins Elementary School and traded in his backpack and gym shoes for a bag of clubs and golf cleats Oct. 21 to compete in the Golf Channel's Orange Lake Junior Invitational in Orlando, Fla.

The 11 year old received a special invitation from the tournament's director after taking first place in the Mutual of Omaha's Drive, Chip and Putt Jr. Challenge earlier this summer in Jacksonville, Fla.

Although he didn't bring home any trophies to add to his collection this time, he's not disappointed with his performance.

"I did OK. I didn't win, but I beat my foursome by eight strokes," he said. "That's pretty good. I'm happy with that. There were some other kids out there who could really hit the ball."

It's no wonder Zachary doesn't really remember how old he was when he first took an interest in golf. He was only 3 years old when his parents

gave him his first set of clubs. Not the plastic kiddie clubs most preschoolers play with.

"They were real metal clubs, just really cut down," he said.

But at 3, his aim wasn't so good his mother recalled. Swinging a club that was longer than his young frame, Zachary shattered the glass table in the family living room.

"I could've strangled him," she said. "But he had that golf club in his little hands and that's what we wanted. We wanted him to play golf and enjoy it. I wanted him to be just like his dad."

Dad, Tech. Sgt. Brian Billingsley, a flight engineer with the 116th Air Control Wing, had better watch out. This small fry practices about three times a week and has his sights set high. He doesn't know if he'll ever get as good as his favorite pro golfer, Tiger Woods. But he said he'll definitely out swing his old man.

"I'm not as good as my dad yet, but I should be by the time I'm 14 or 15."

Zachary is a lot like most kids his age. He likes video games just about as much as he does golf. Especially his newest video game – which believe it

or not, is skateboarding, not golf. Looking to the future, he has big dreams and is leaving his options open.

"I'm thinking about being a pro golfer, a pro skater or a pro football player," he said. "I want to be famous. But, it's not just about the money. It's also about fun. I think famous people have fun."

If he doesn't make it big in the sports world, his back up plan is to follow in his dad's other footsteps.

"I might join the Air Force like my dad," he said. "I like airplanes a lot."

The up-and-coming golfer has won several tournaments over the past few years. Most of the trophies stay in his room. But some have a special place in the Billingsley home.

"I have a lot of trophies. We keep some in my room and some in the living room so guests can see them."

And like his father, Zachary doesn't see himself giving up the clubs.

"I'm good at it now," he said. "And I'll get better as I get older and make a lot of money for us. I don't think I'll ever get bored with golf unless I get too good at it."

THE FATHER

JSTARS flight engineer plays it safe, leads Air Force golf team to victory

By Tech. Sgt. Beverly Isik
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As a flight engineer for the E-8C Joint Stars aircraft, Tech. Sgt. Brian Billingsley doesn't take chances. He can't afford to. Theater commanders and troops on the ground fighting the war on terrorism are counting on him.

He doesn't play the stock market either. Instead, this 15-year Air Force veteran opts for the greater security of savings bonds and conservative mutual funds.

As a golfer, he doesn't take many chances either – especially in the first few days of a tournament. Maybe that's why he was able to lead the Air Force golf team to victory during Armed Forces Golf Championship at Ft. Carson, Colo.

On the first day of the four-day championship, Billingsley kept the Air Force competitive with his 1-under-par 71, tying with the Army's Mark Johnson for the best score of the day.

"We had 30 knot winds every day," he said. "On the first day, it was 42 degrees and raining sideways. Considering the weather we had, that's really good. That's like shooting a 65."

He also brought home a sil-

ver medal for placing a close second overall with a four-day total of 286.

At an altitude of 6,000 feet, Colorado's Rocky Mountains and Mother Nature made certain this die-hard golfer had his druthers during this championship.

"The ball flies far anyway in Colorado because you're a mile high there," he explained. "They tried to water down the course and make it real soft, but you couldn't get any roll or distance. They had to rough it up five or six inches. We had to hit the fairways."

"I don't take a lot of risks, especially in the first days of a tournament. I play very steady," he said. "I'm not one to go real low in a tournament. I won't balloon up too much either. I like to keep it just above or just below par. Now, toward the end of a tournament, I tend to take more risks."

Even though he doesn't like to take too many chances, this golfer does like a good challenge. That's one of the things he likes most about golf.

"There are so many variables to the game. It's an individual sport, but it can be a team sport. The wind. The temperature. The different grasses. You've got to think about everything. I'd rather

play a hard course than an easy one."

After barely missing a spot on the Air Force's 2003 team, he shot a 306 during the service's annual four-day competition this year at the Air Force Academy and secured a chance to compete in the Armed Forces Golf Championship.

The winning team from the Armed Force's Golf Championship competes in the Continental Interservice Match which was slated for Van Couver, British Columbia. Unfortunately, Billingsley said he's not sure why, but it was cancelled this year.

"I hope this isn't the only year I qualify," he said. "Next year it's supposed to be in Pakistan. Now, I don't know if I can swing very well wearing a flak jacket and helmet or not."

But he's looking forward to the opportunity to give it a shot.

The Kentucky native has been able to take permissive temporary duty leave to compete in the military tournaments.

"I wouldn't get to golf as much on the outside, unless I was working for my dad or something," he said. "I feel

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Having a (soccer) ball



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The 7th annual Robins Youth Soccer League Commanders Cup tournament began Monday at the Robins Youth Center soccer fields. The tournament is held every fall and spring to allow children ages 6-14 the opportunity to enjoy an extended season and to promote fun, healthy lifestyle and sportsmanship. Coaches, volunteers and parents devote many hours to get players ready for this event. Teams from the local area also participate. Players of all skill levels compete in the tournament which ends Sunday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fitness Center

Intramural basketball coaches meeting will be held today at noon in the fitness center.

A 4-on-4 volleyball game will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. Participants will receive T-shirts and prizes for first, second and third place winners. No team? Don’t worry, we will find one for you. Sign up now at the front desk.

Come out and support the pre-season intramural basketball tournament Nov. 29 - Dec. 2. For more information, call 926-2128.

Golf Course

A turkey scramble is slated for Saturday with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. A four-person net scramble with a minimum handicap of 48. Cost is \$30 for AGF, \$45 for guests and includes golf car, green fees and lunch and prizes.

Hockey

The Amateur Hockey Association ice hockey season starts Nov. 27 and will run through Jan. 29 at the Macon Centerplex. The game is open to kids ages 6-12 and 13-17 and adults. For more information, call Kit Frey at 971-1934.

Marathon volunteers

Seventy dedicated volunteers are needed to ensure the continual success of the 2005 Museum of Aviation Foundation Marathon/Half-Marathon/5K Run/Walk to be held Jan. 15 at 7 a.m. Volunteers will receive a free logo-event T-shirt and a letter of appreciation for their good works. To get involved in this high-profile event that includes runners from every corner of our nation, e-mail 2nd Lt. Matt Fogarty at matthew.fogarty@robins.af.mil. Please include your name, unit, base address, T-shirt size and duty phone.

FATHER

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like I can ask my commander and supervisors for time off for these tournaments. They’re the ones who really let me pursue this. They could always say no.”

Golf is an expensive, time-consuming hobby, but Billingsley’s wife, Tina, said she still loves it. Even though he spends four or five days a week practicing, the couple is convinced that she’s not a “golf widow.”

However, the F-15 Maintenance secretary said she’s an easy mark for fun-loving co-workers at the Center.

“The big joke at work is ‘Tina works so Brian can golf,’” she said. “I tell them they’re just jealous.”

She admits she probably couldn’t hit the ball, but Tina said she probably knows everything you ever wanted to know about golf. She even enjoys riding along when her husband and son Zachary hit the links.

Although the Billingsley’s can usually be found on Robin’s Pine Oaks Golf Course, the

sergeant also plays and works part-time as a starter and marshaller at the Houston Lake Country Club.

Golf, Billingsley explained, is a lot like life. “It will bring you back to reality quicker than anything. You think things are going good and then all of a sudden, Boom! You get a double bogey, and that’s like having your car suddenly break down. Sometimes there’s something you can’t get around, so you just have to deal with it.”

Although golf is a sport he took on after joining the Air Force, Billingsley has no plans of ever giving it up.

“It’s a lifetime sport. I can play this until I’m 90,” he said. “Some of the guys I play with out there can barely walk.”

As he drives, chips and putts his way through golf and life, Billingsley has his eye on pro Phil Mickelson.

“He was really taking a lot of risks the last couple of years and not really going anywhere,” he said. “Then he toned back his risks and won a major and several other tournaments. I’m just sort of trying to do what he’s doing by working smarter, not harder.”

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avid golfer and a flight engineer for the E-8C Joint Stars aircraft

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Robins Elementary School students along with Mr. Butts and Dr. Wheezenkauf participate in the Smoke Out assembly Monday. Each year students recognize the Great American Smoke Out with school activites. This year's theme was 'Stamp out Smoking.'

It’s never too late to quit

How to stop smoking

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For more information on how to stop smoking, visit www.smokefree.gov or contact the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.

By Dairlyn Brown
Health and Wellness Center Nurse Educator

This year’s Great American Smoke Out sent smokers the message that it’s never too late to quit.

In recognition of the 28th annual Great American Smoke Out Thursday, Robins Elementary School students came together Monday, for a morning of school-based education that reminded participants about the dangers of tobacco use and addiction.

While advertisements and movies show cigarette smokers enjoying a glamorous life to its fullest, statistics show many smokers die of lung cancer or suffer from a host of other serious, disabling diseases – annually killing more than 400,000 Americans and costing the U.S. billions in medical expenses and loss in productivity every day, according to the Center for Disease Control and

Prevention.

In 2002, 45.8 million (22.5 percent) adults in the U.S. were smokers, a decrease from 24.1 percent in 1998, and an estimated 46 million adults were reported to be former smokers.

The Health and Wellness Center offers a Tobacco Cessation Program to help active duty military and their dependents, military retirees and their dependents, reservists, foreign active duty military and their dependents, and civilian employees stop smoking.

In addition, the Georgia Tobacco Coalition offers the Georgia Tobacco Quit Line at 1-877-270-STOP or 1-877-266-3863 for Spanish-speaking persons, a free telephone resource that provides Georgia residents age 18 and older with counseling, screening and referral services from trained counselors.

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